Chairman Peat called the Paw Paw Township Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. on July 23, 2015 at the Township Hall.

PRESENT: Randall Peat, Donald Stull, Kip Kerby, Bill Johnson, Phillip Arbanas, and James Tapper

ABSENT: Ivan Olsen.

ALSO PRESENT: Catherine Kaufman for John Lohrstorfer (Township Attorney), Bert Gale (Zoning Administrator), and Kelly Largent (Zoning Administrator)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by Arbanas, supported by Kerby to approve the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 25, 2015: Motion by Stull, supported by Kerby to approve the June 25, 2015. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

At the June 25, 2015 meeting Ms. Harvey requested documents from the Township to assist her with the Master Plan update. Chairman Peat has the following information/point of contact which he has provided to Ms. Harvey.

Mr. Thayer from the Van Buren County GIS office for maps and PA116 property: 657-8243
Matt Merseman from the conservation district for wetlands: 657-4030 ext. 115
Chris Martin from Southwest Michigan Planning Commission for trails and parks: 269-925-1137
Ms. Harvey is willing to contact these individuals on behalf of Paw Paw Township.

Don Stull reported he had talked to Linda Jordan (Township Clerk) about providing any documents the Township had on file to Ms. Harvey.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Site Plan Review requirements were discussed by the Board. Chairman Peat stated he liked the Village of Paw Paw requirements the best out of the examples provided in the meeting packet. After further discussion, the Board tasked the Zoning Administrator to provide a draft of requirements for the next meeting to include language for Zoning Administrator review and Attorney Kaufman to review June 25, 2015 sample site plan requirements language from other communities before the next meeting and provide input. Chairman Peat asked the Board to provide input at the next meeting also.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

The Board discussed the addition of a Micro-Brewery facility and cidery as a special use permit. Chairman Peat provided draft language based on the State of Michigan definitions and standards. Attorney Kaufman noted that the draft text amendment only had the Agricultural districts and asked if this was what the Board had intended. Chairman Peat stated he would like to see this for all zoning districts. The Board discussed adding this as a special land use in all districts. Mr. Stull has concerns about adding this to the residential portions. Attorney Kaufman suggested using the residential home based business for this new use. Mr. Gale has concerns with the using the home based business for this new use. Chairman Peat added he would be comfortable with not adding this as a special use to the residential zoning districts.

MTA workshop flyer was handed out.

The next meeting will be August 27, 2015 at 6 PM.

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**
Motion by Johnson, supported by Arbanas to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Largent
Zoning Administrator